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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned ) Group Art Unit:  
Filed: March 15, 2001 ) Examiner:

For: VIDEO CODING METHOD AND DATA PROCESSING DEVICE

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document:

1. Japanese Application No. 5-40828 discloses a technique for reducing the amount of calculation in a motion picture compressing process. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of this document.

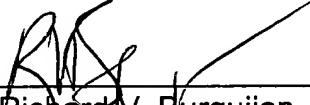
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